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MEET THE GET ALONG GANG!

They're fun and funny and they know that getting along is the way to go!

Last week we met Montgomery, Dotty, Zipper, Portia, Woolma, and Bingo. Here are other members of the Get Along Gang.



BERNICE

Bernice Bear always makes a point of knowing what is happening in Green Meadow. She always does her best to keep the Clubhouse Caboose as neat as possible—even if it annoys the other kids in the gang!

Montgomery Moose would like to hear from you! Send in your drawings, ideas and letters to:

Mr. M. Moose,
The Get Along Gang,
Marvel Comics,
23, Redan Place,
Bayswater,
London W2 4SA.

BRAKER

Braker Turtle is the brains of the gang, often solving mysteries and puzzles that confront the team. He tends to be a little cautious. In fact, that's how he got his name—by "putting the brakes" on all that the gang tries to do.



THERE IS ALSO RUDYARD LION AND ROCCO RABBIT!



LOLLY

Lolly Squirrel's father is the owner of the fabulous Sweet Factory in Green Meadow. Although Lolly can often supply the gang with chocolate bars, she is one of the gang because of herself.

FLORA

Flora "Forget-Me-Not" Fox is not the shy, timid creature that the people of Green Meadow think she is. The Get Along Gang know her for the fun, adventurous fox that she really is!



Next week:
Meet the
villains
of Green
Meadow!

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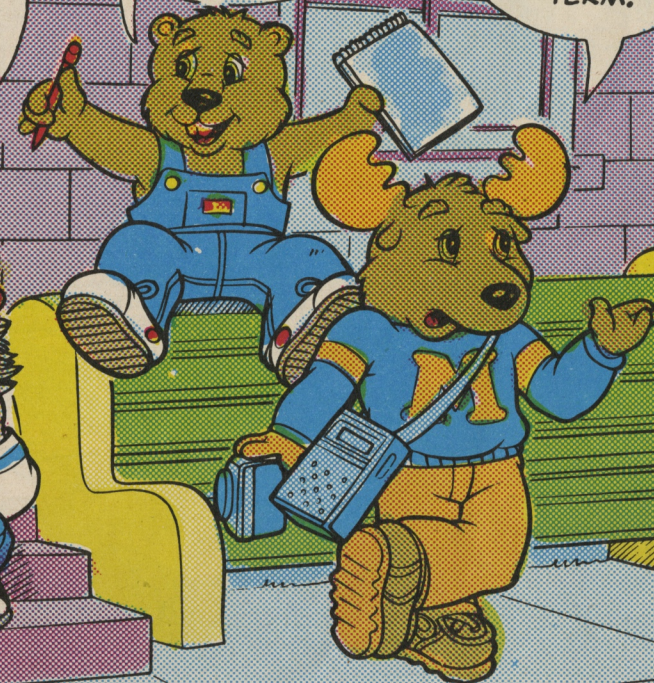
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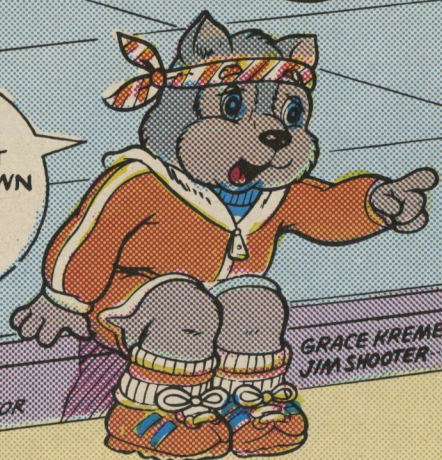
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THE GET ALONG GANG
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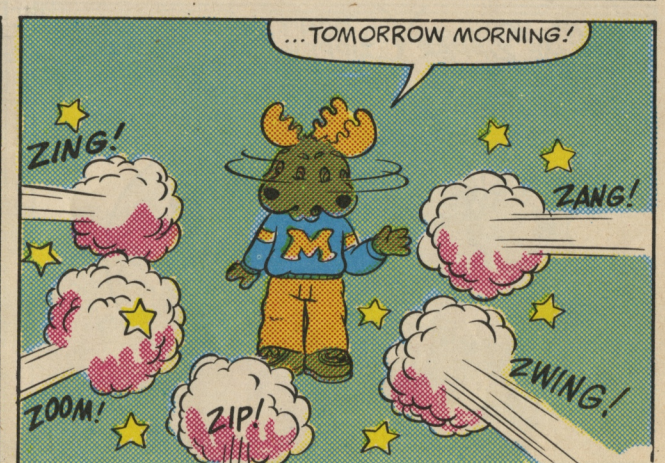
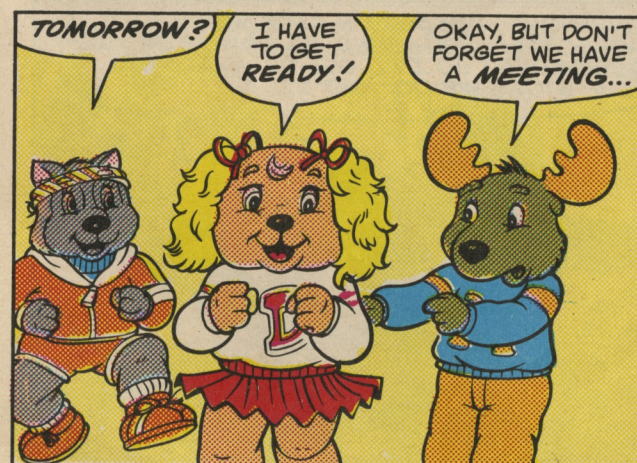
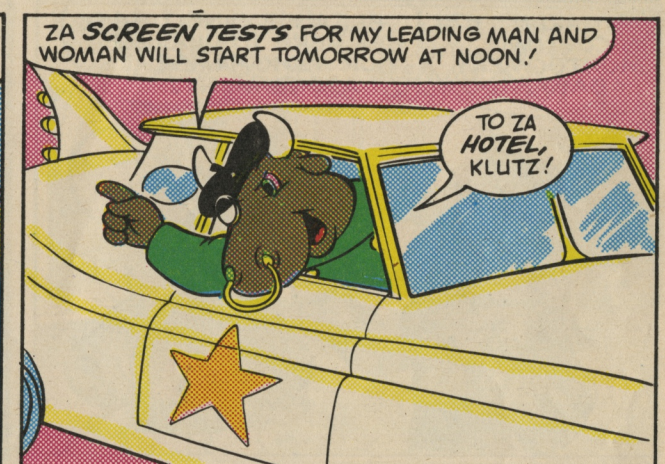
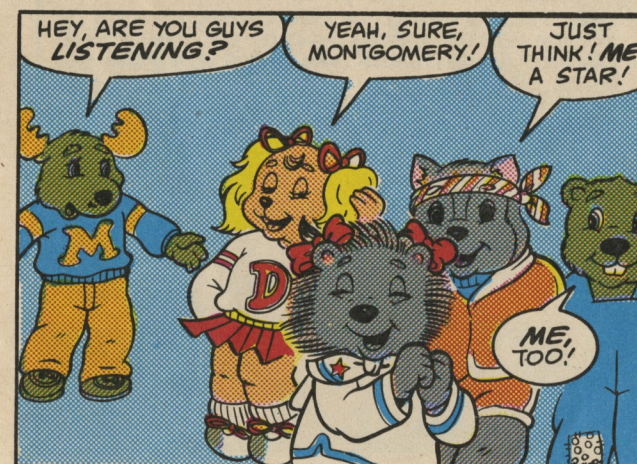
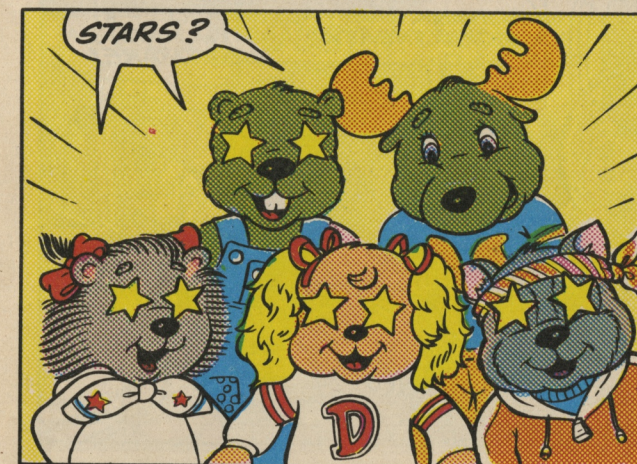
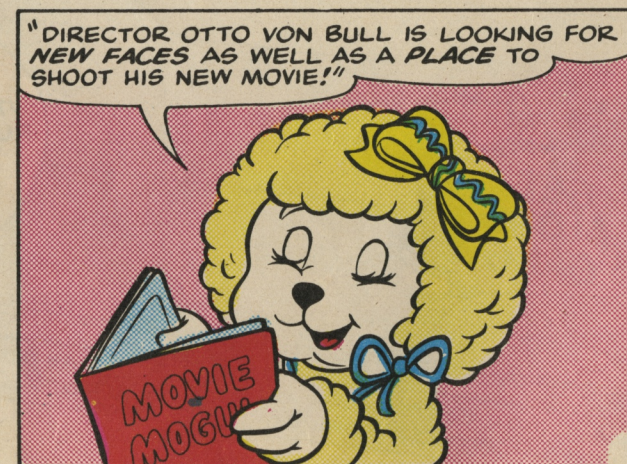
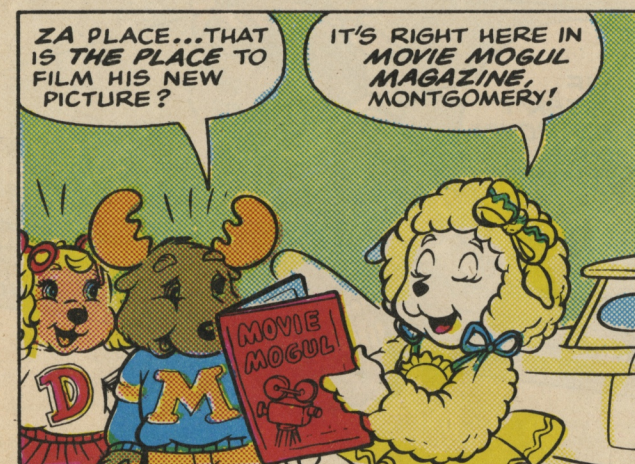
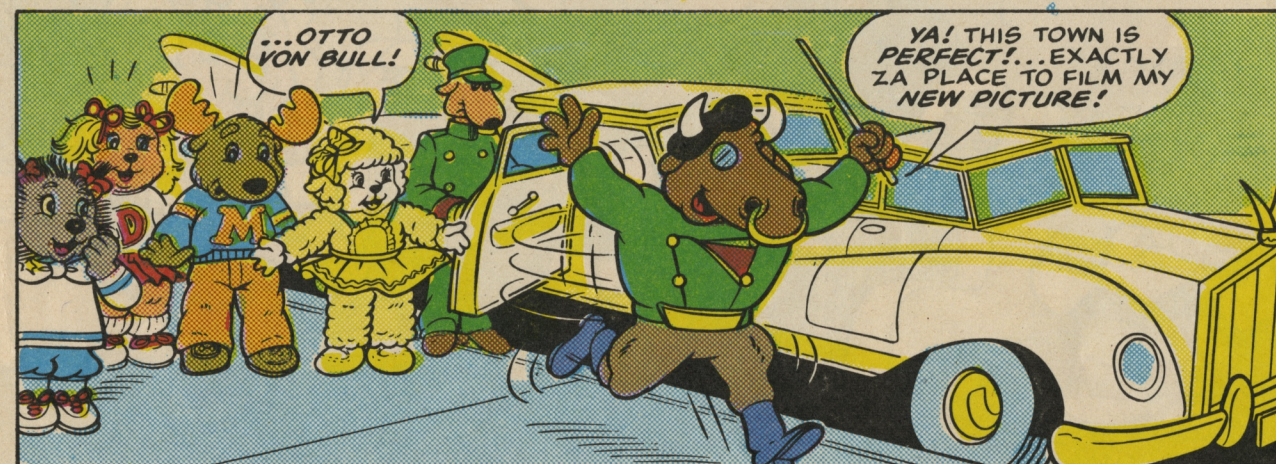
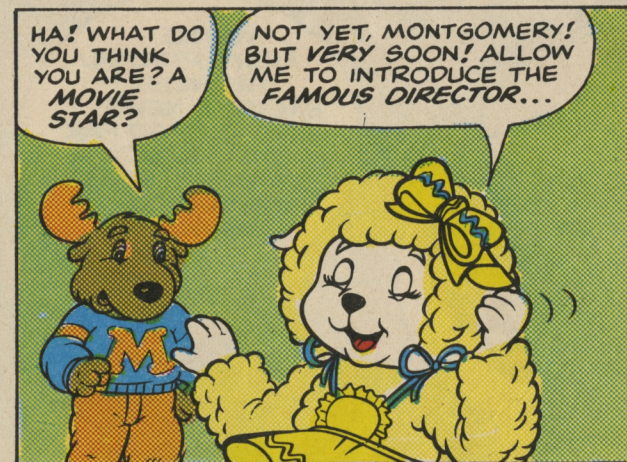
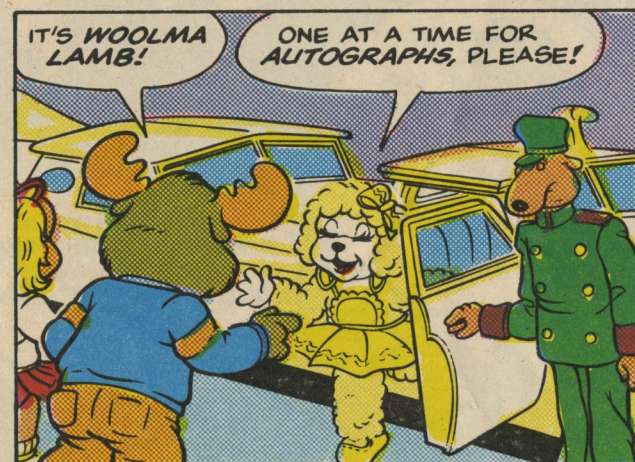
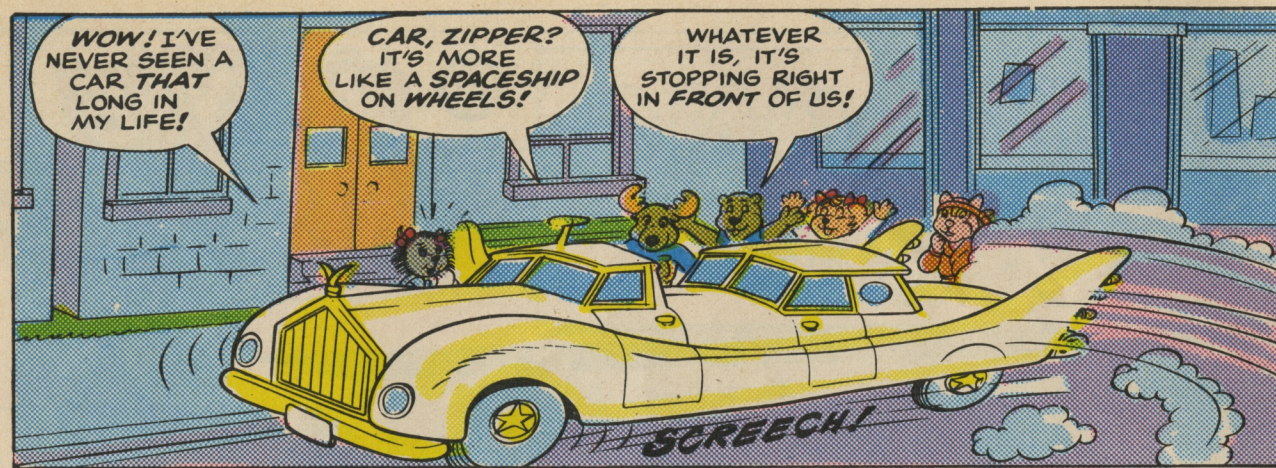
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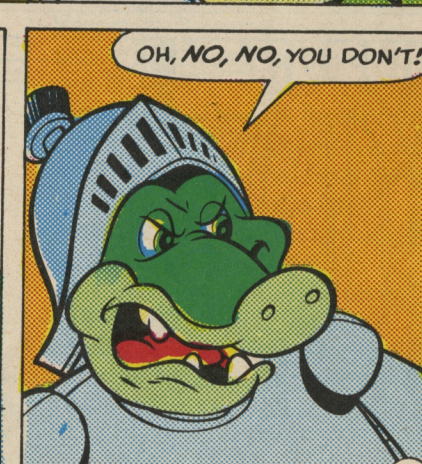
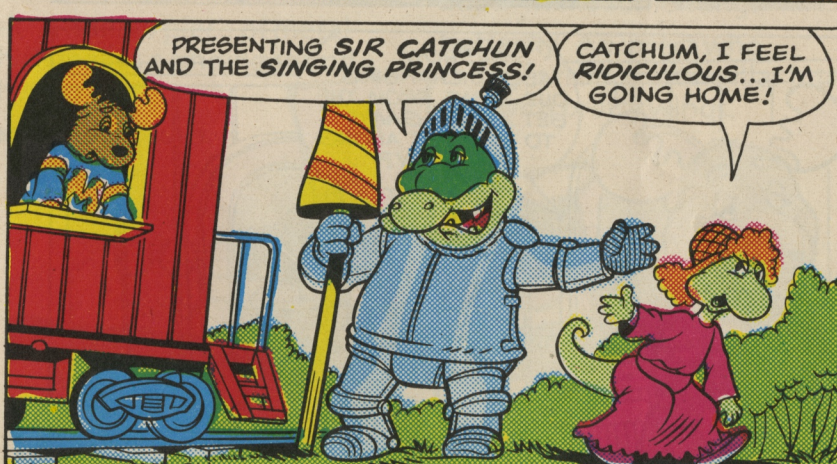
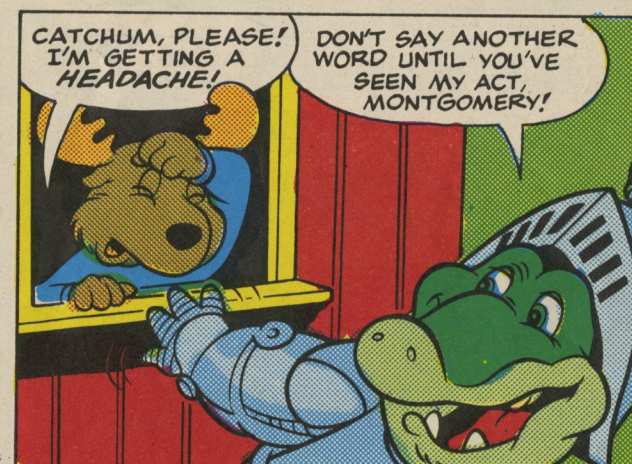
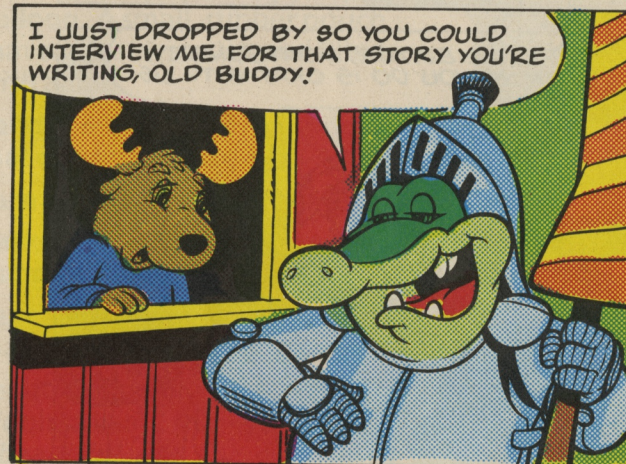
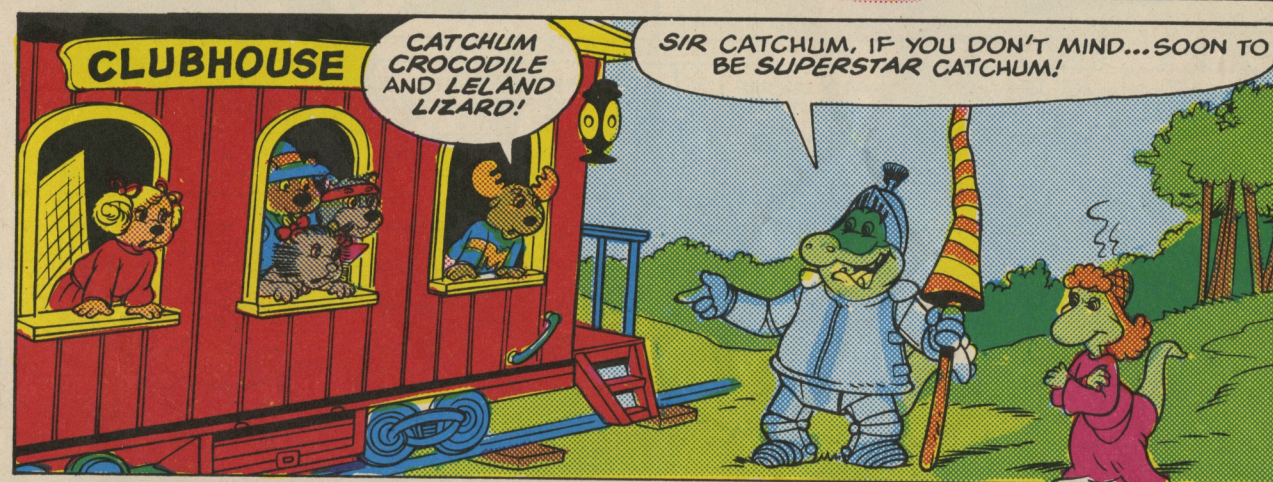
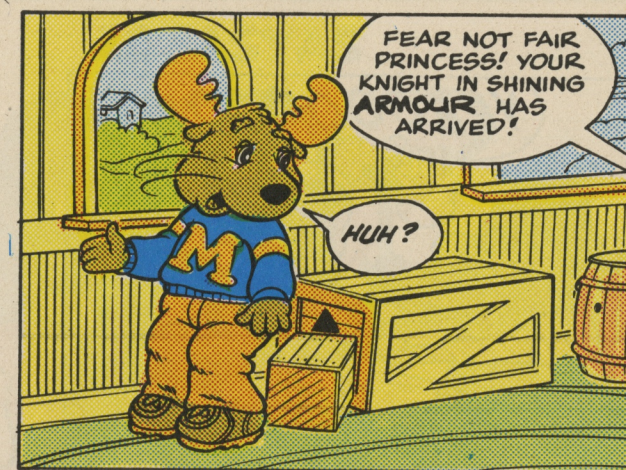
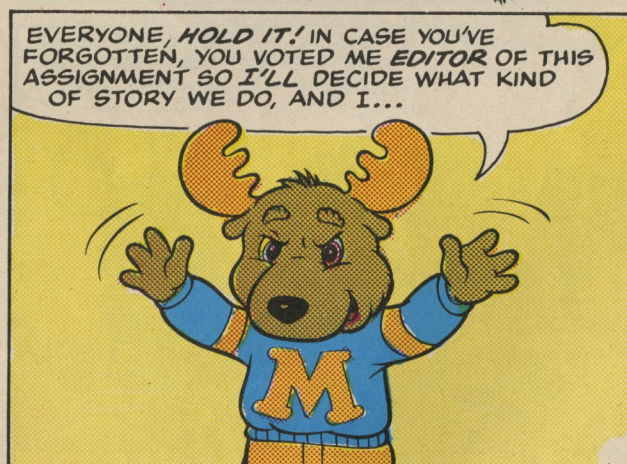
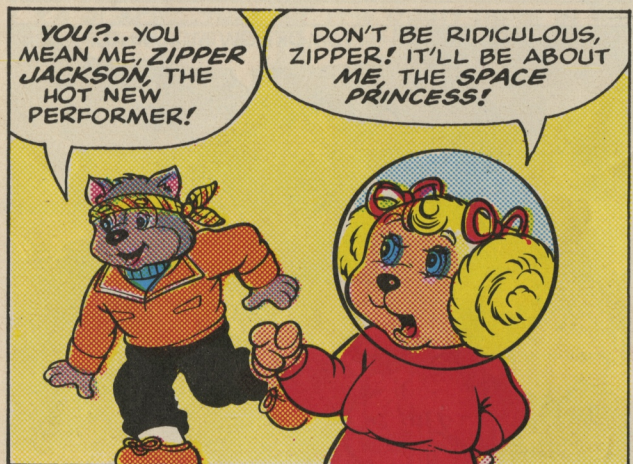
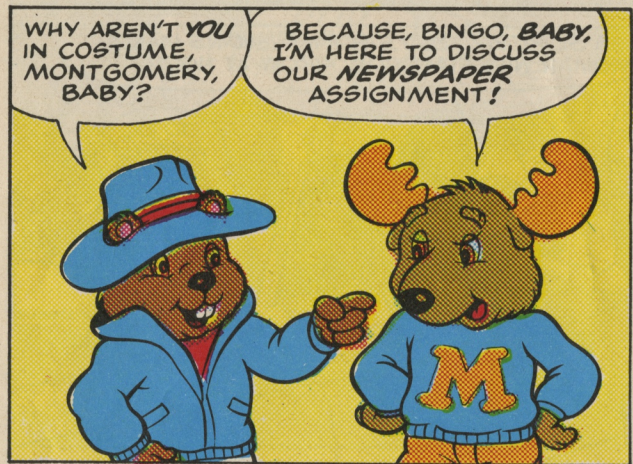
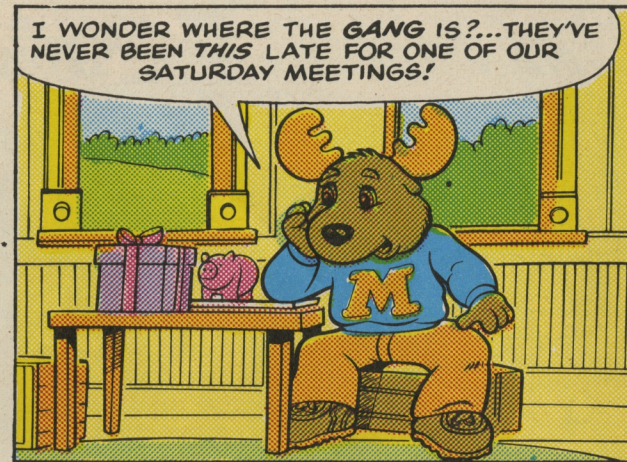
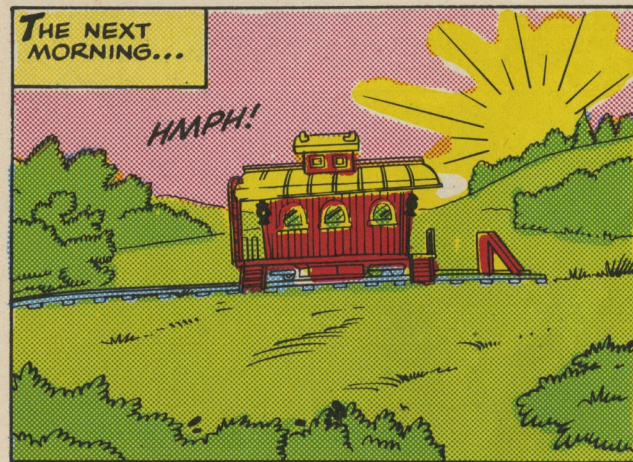


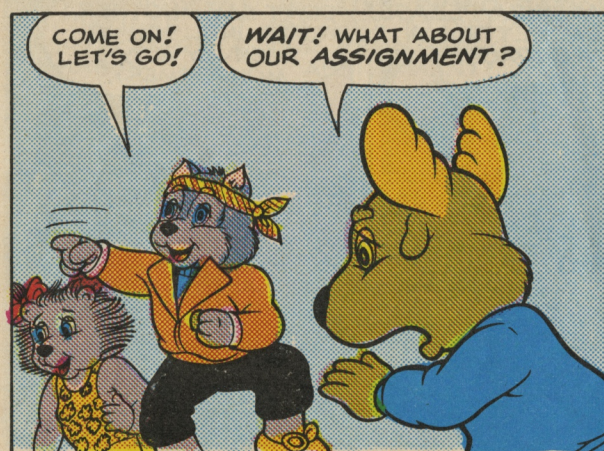
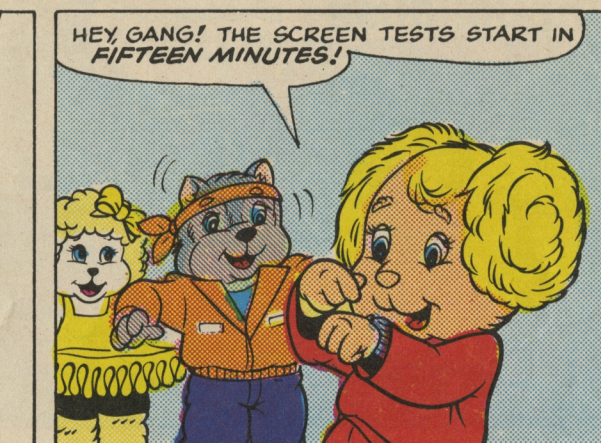
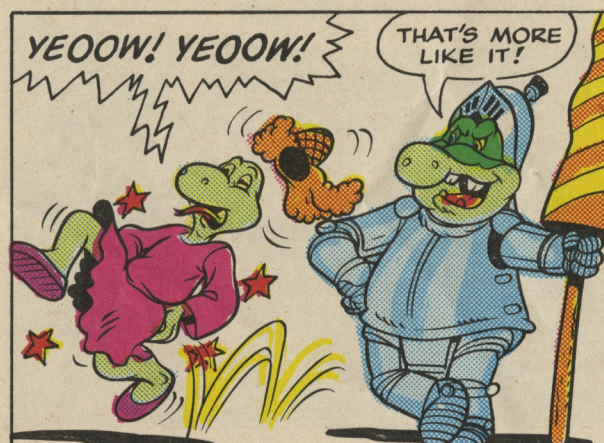
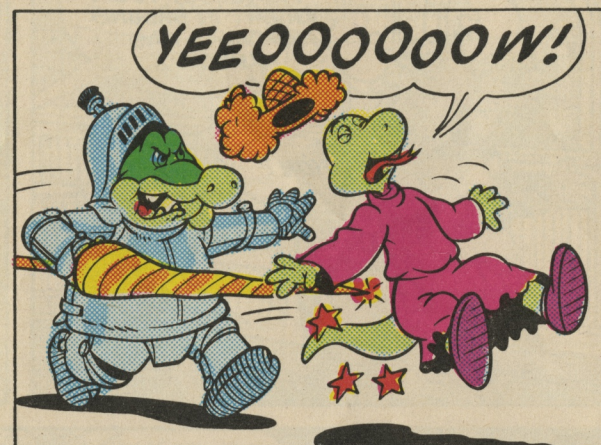
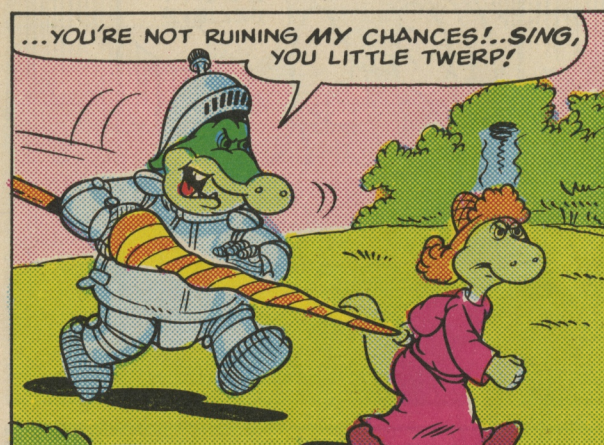
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AS EASY AS

ABC



bird A small creature with wings. Most birds can fly, some cannot.

blanket A warm cover on a bed.

blow 1. A hard hit or knock. 2. To push air out of your mouth to *blow up* your *balloon*.

boat A small ship

baby A very young girl or boy.

ball A round object often used in games. Zipper Cat likes to play with his *ball*.

balloon A small, rubber pouch that can be blown up and filled with air.

bandage A strip of white cloth that can cover a bad cut.

barn A storehouse on a farm.

basket A container to carry things in.

bear Large animals with long shaggy coats and strong claws.

beautiful Lovely. Very pretty. Woolma Lamb thinks that she is *beautiful*.

bell A hollow piece of metal which makes a ringing sound when struck.

bend Curve, turn.

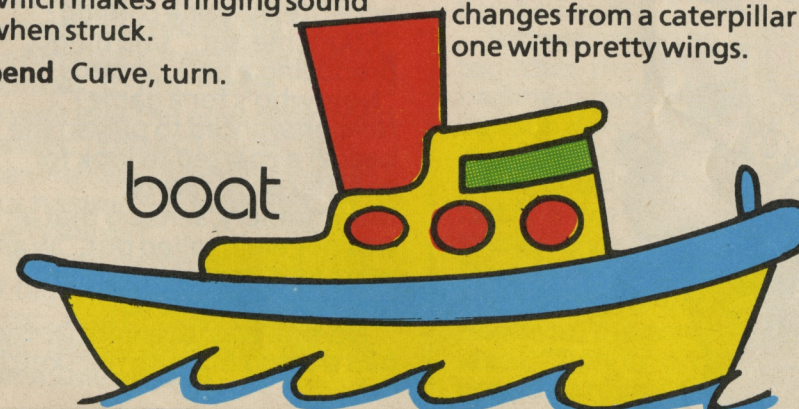
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breakfast The first meal of the day.

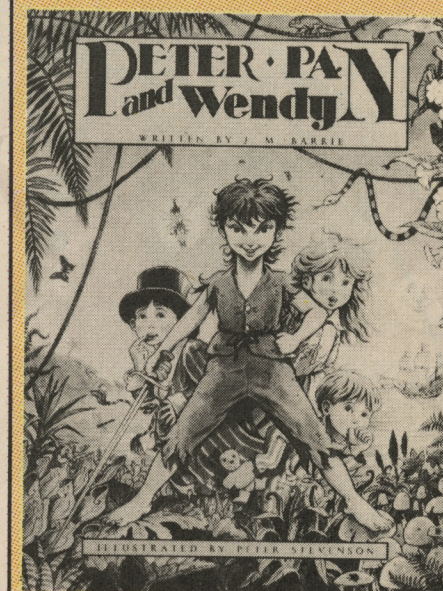
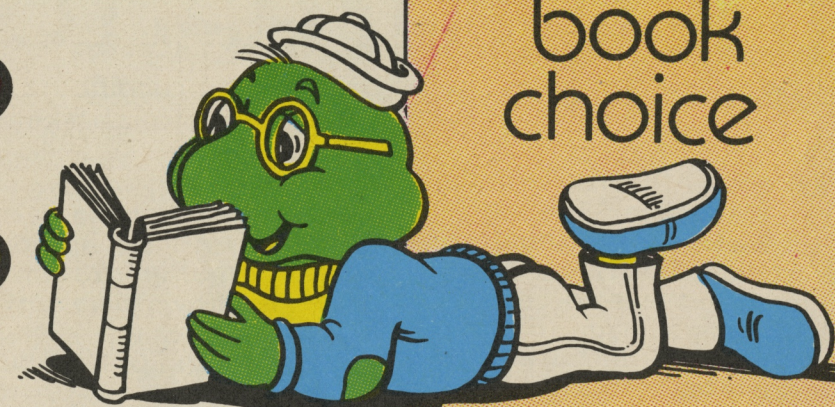
bridge A road built over water or a railway.

build Make something.

butterfly An insect who changes from a caterpillar into one with pretty wings.



book choice



Peter Pan and Wendy by J.M. Barrie. Illustrated by Peter Stevenson. Published by Hodder and Stoughton. Price £6.95.

Do you believe in fairies? Yes? Good, because if you had said "no", somewhere a fairy dies. You didn't know that? Well, that's because you haven't read one of the most famous stories of all time - *Peter Pan*. It is the story of a boy who didn't want to grow up and so lived in Never-Never Land with his band of Lost Boys and had all sorts of adventures with pirates, mermaids, Indians and, of course, fairies! This beautiful new edition has lots of lovely colour pictures and is a real treat to read.

THE GREAT BALLOON CAPER!

Mouth watering... eyes agleam – the hunched figure of Leland Lizard crept towards the discarded picnic basket...

"LELAND! You've done it again!" The angry voice of Catchum Crocodile echoed around Gummy Foot Swamp. "Burnt the breakfast, made a disaster of dinner, now get out and get me some tea before I starve!"

Boot! The hapless lizard was sent flying through the air. "The boss is in one of his moods again," he muttered to himself peevishly. "Now where can I lay my claws on some provisions without laying out a penny?"

Nearby, the *Get Along Gang* were full of the joys of spring. "All agreed then? Today's agenda is a picnic in the woods on Honeydew Hill." Montgomery Moose faced his smiling circle of friends. "Then, let's get along, gang!" Soon, the clubhouse was a hive of activity as Bernice, Woolma, Dotty and Portia buttered rolls cut sandwiches and sliced cakes to be ferried outside by Bingo, Zipper and Montgomery. Braker Turtle methodically packed all the foodstuffs away into the biggest hamper imaginable fetched from his storeroom by Rocco and Rudyard. Once Flora and Lolly had folded up the large, soft, white picnic cloth, all was ready.

"One, two, three, lift!" At Dotty's command, each of the pals grabbed a section of the wicker hamper and lifted, sharing the weight so that even though it groaned with good things, it hardly seemed to weigh at all. With a final, "Honeydew Hill, here we come," the gang sped away, little knowing that a pair of greedy, hooded eyes watched them. Leland Lizard had found his feast!

Half an hour later, the gang reached Honeydew Hill in a fever of excitement. No sooner had the hamper been deposited on the ground than Zipper Cat sprinted away. "A cross country run to work up an appetite. Anyone coming?" "Count me out," said Bingo, producing a pack of cards. "Now who's for a game?" No-one wanted to play so the beaver departed to look for another picnic party. Montgomery, sensing that all was not well, called out. "Wait, we ought to plan what we're going to do together."

No-one was listening. Dotty had trotted off with her sketch

pad, Portia had gone to chase butterflies, Flora was hunting wild-life snaps with her camera, while Braker had departed to look for fossils. Bernice had left to collect herbs for her kitchen, Woolma, pretty flowers for her hair and Lolly, wild strawberries for her sweet tooth. Rudyard had gone searching for the hardest tree to climb and the distant sound of a radio playing the latest hits had drawn Rocco like a magnet. Before long, even Montgomery had left to check out a valley deep in the woods which was famous for its echoes. Only the hamper remained, alone and quite forgotten.

Not quite. Mouth watering, eyes agleam, the hunched figure of Leland Lizard was stealing towards it. "Perfect," he snickered. "Now the *Get Along Gang* have gone their separate ways, I can snaffle this for Catchum." However, heave as he might, he couldn't budge the basket from the ground. "Too heavy for an underfed lizard like me," he grumbled. Then an idea struck him. "But not if I eat some of the food to build up my strength and lighten the load." **Chomp! Munch! Slurp!** Waistcoat buttons popped open over his increasingly bulging tum as the level of goodies in the hamper went down and down.

"Zzzzzzzzz!" Portia, reappearing some time later was startled to hear a low buzzing sound coming from within the closed lid of the hamper. "A bee must have found its way inside," she reasoned. "I'll let it out!" **"EEEEEEK!"** Her shrill scream brought the rest of the gang rushing back from their various pursuits, to find Portia pointing at the now-open food basket. "Leland Lizard," she stammered. "Sleeping inside our hamper – and he's eaten everything!"

Woken by the ensuing yells of rage, Leland blinked at the angry ring of faces staring at him, flicked his forked tongue nervously around

cake-encrusted lips and with a "nice day, must dash," scurried, slipped and slithered out of the hamper and away.

Dotty Dog was the first to speak. "Serves us right. If we'd stopped here and planned amusements we could all join in, then the hamper wouldn't have been left unguarded and Leland wouldn't have had our picnic." No one disagreed, but there was nothing for it other than to pick up the empty hamper and go home.

Just then, the sun was blotted out as if by an eclipse. Equally suddenly came a yell from above, followed by a crash as a figure fell from the sky straight into the open food basket, tearing it from their grasp. "Phew, thanks for breaking my fall." A sharp-featured, helmeted figure struggled up from the folds of the picnic cloth. "The basket on my hot-air balloon caught on a tree top and ripped open, luckily you were passing underneath just as it happened."

The friends looked up in amazement and there, sure enough, a huge balloon could be seen slowly shifting from tree top to tree top, dangling beneath it, the remains of a basket and a long rope that trailed to the ground. "Oh, it's drifting away," the ferrety features of the balloonist fell. "I threw out the rope when I began losing control, but there was no one around to grab it." "Well, there is now," cried Zipper, leaping into action. "After that rope, gang!" A moment later came his yell of triumph. "Got it! Now, lend a hand everyone."

Soon, working and pulling together, the *Get Along Gang* had managed to heave the balloon down to ground level in a clearing, while the flying ferret tied the end of the rope fast to a tree. "Safe and secure, thanks to you kids," he smiled. "But my basket's useless. No more flying for me today." However, the gang had other ideas. "Don't worry, we can provide a replacement,"



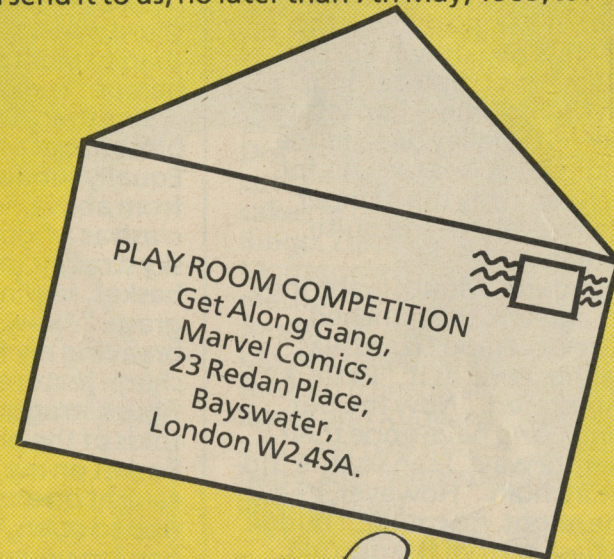
smiled Montgomery. "Let's get to work, pals."

After much sewing, strapping and binding, the job was done, to the ferret's delight. "Yes, that empty wicker hamper makes a perfect air-balloon basket," he gasped. "With room to carry two passengers at a time, if you don't mind taking turns for a trip aloft." So, one by one, the friends were taken up in the hot-air hamper to the limit of the restraining rope, still fastened securely to a tree. It was great fun – and just as enjoyable was the slap-up tea they were treated to later in a nearby village by the grateful balloonist. "You saved my day in more ways than one," he smiled as they tucked in. "But only by working together, the way we always should," added Bingo.

Back in Green Meadow, Leland Lizard was busily running off the weight he'd put on earlier, as Catchum Crocodile chased him. "I told you to get me some tea," roared the angry swamp ruler. "Not scoff the lot yourself!" Poor, greedy Leland. The day had turned out to be no picnic for him!

WIN A GET ALONG GANG PLAY ROOM

Hold gang meetings in your own playroom full of colourful *Get Along Gang* furniture! Hang your clothes on a Dotty Dog clothes tidy, put your books on a *Get Along Gang* bookcase complete with its own blackboard and keep your toys in a *Get Along Gang* storage seat! The *Riley Play Room Range* is giving away two sets of these exciting products. All you have to do to enter this great competition is to tell the *Get Along Gang* what you think is the best way to get along with your friends. Fill out the entry coupon below, and send it to us, no later than 7th May, 1985, to:



PLAY ROOM

I think that the best way to get along with my friends is (in no more than 20 words)

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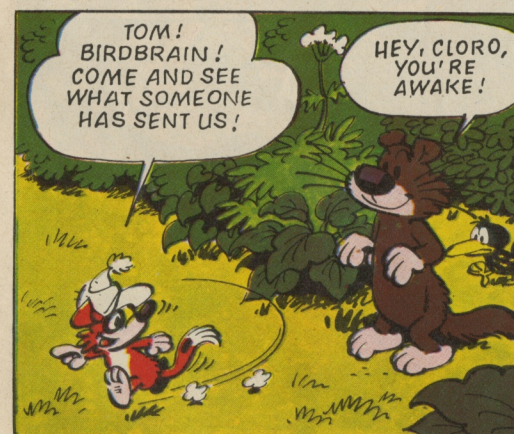
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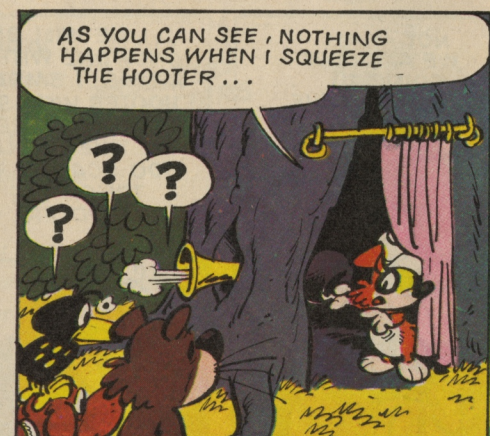
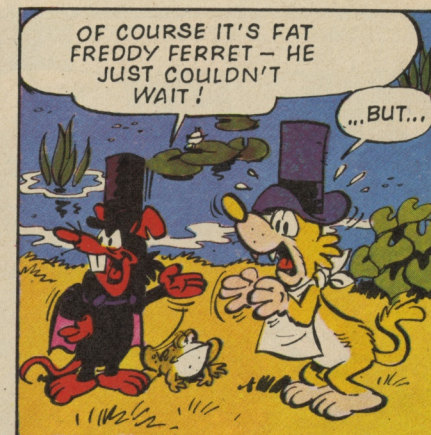
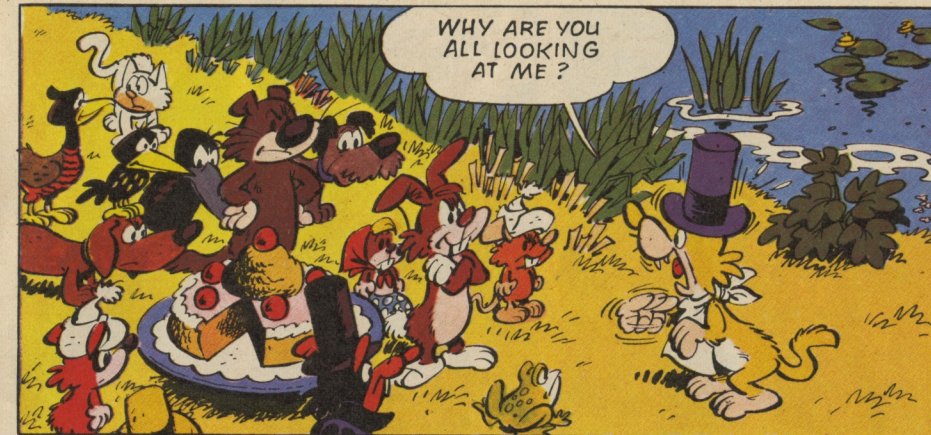
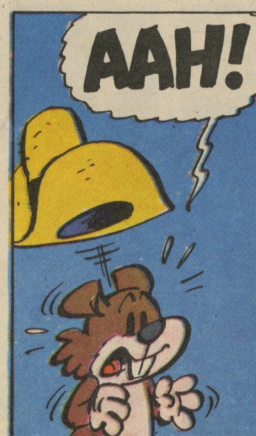
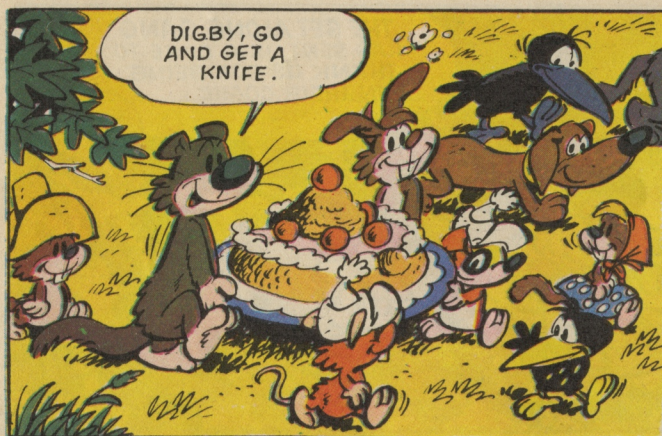
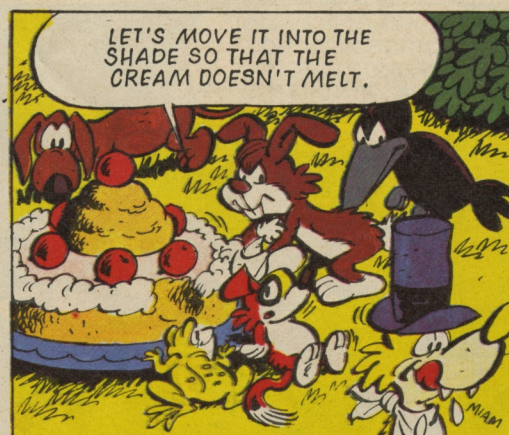
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CLORO AND DIGBY







Thousands of kids are already members and you can join too! Speak to your Mum or Dad about joining to make sure they think its a good idea as well. For a membership fee of only £2.50 membership is given for 12 months from the date of joining.

You will receive the Get Along Gang Official Membership Kit packed full of fun - a kit folder, a membership certificate & badge, a full set of 12 character picture cards, a newsletter from Montgomery "Good News" Moose and the Gang, a Club Rule Book containing details on how to start a Get Along Gang Club in your area with membership cards for your friends. The kit also contains the secret club code and a free miniature Get Along Gang character toy.

During the year Montgomery Moose will send your newsletters to let you know about the goings on at Green Meadow, he'll be suggesting fun things to do and setting exciting competitions - remember to let us know your birthday so Montgomery "Good News" Moose can include a super Get Along Gang birthday card.

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MINIATURE TOY
ASSORTED CHARACTERS



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WHEN YOU
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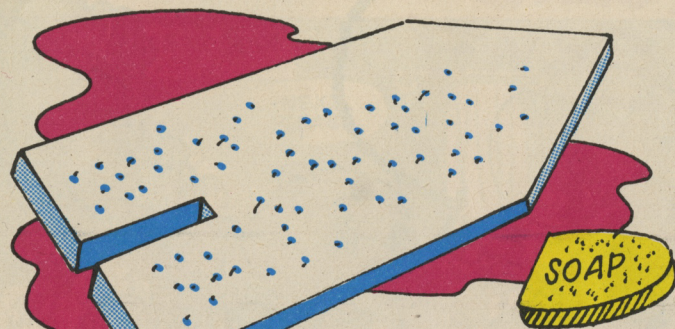
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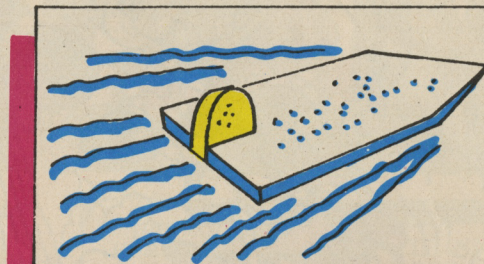


'MAGIC' SOAP BOAT!

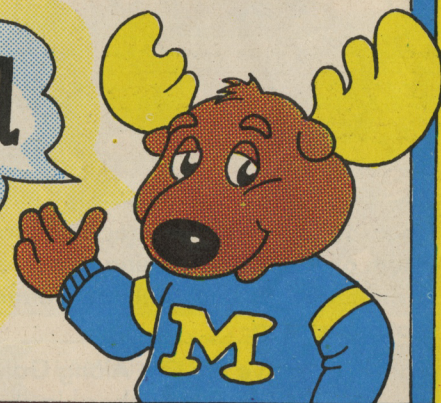


You will need a small oblong of Polystyrene (Cut from an empty meat tray or top of plastic eggbox) about 8 cms x 4 cms. Cut off the corners at the front to make a pointed end. In the centre at the other end cut a small slot.

Now fit a small piece of soap into the slot. Fill a shallow bowl with water. Wait until water is still, then gently lay the boat onto the water. Magic! It will start moving!



It's all SOAP and BUBBLES!

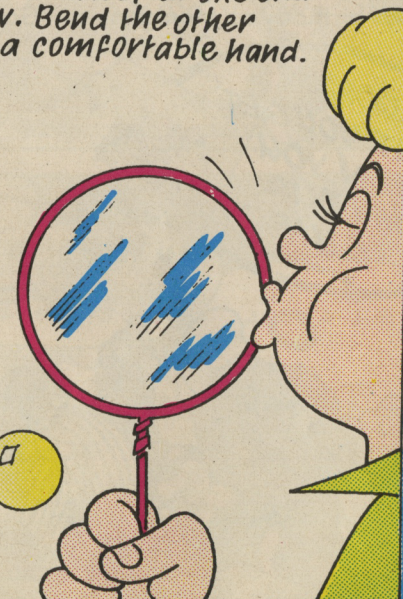
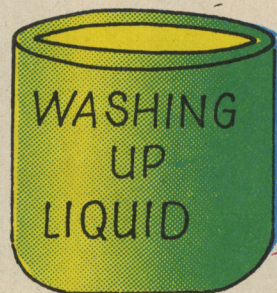


BUBBLE BLOWER!

Here's how to make a 'Bubble Wand'. Take a piece of wire about 21 cms long. Make a loop at one end about the size shown below. Bend the other end over to make a comfortable hand.

Bubble mixture can be made from Mum's washing up-liquid (It helps to mix a little Glycerine with it, if you have any.) Now dip the wire loop into the mixture. A

thin film of solution will cover the loop. Either wave the wand gently backwards and forwards or blow gently to make a stream of bubbles.



GOOD NEWS FOR ALL YOU GET ALONG GANG FANS

Now you can enjoy fun and games with your very own Get Along Gang characters. Six of your furry favourites are available from Tomy as cuddly, lovable friends.

You can have Dotty Dog, Zipper Cat, Portia Porcupine, Montgomery "Good News" Moose, Bingo "Bet It All" Beaver and Woolma Lamb.

All these cute chums come in two sizes, with their own removable colourful clothes. The larger Gang members also have roller skates that really work.

That's the good news Get Along Gang fans – and you heard it straight from Montgomery.

Get your Get Along Gang favourites from Tomy – at all good toy shops. ONLY FROM:

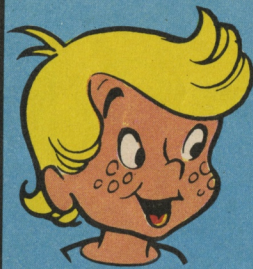
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TOP DOG

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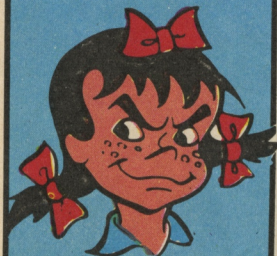
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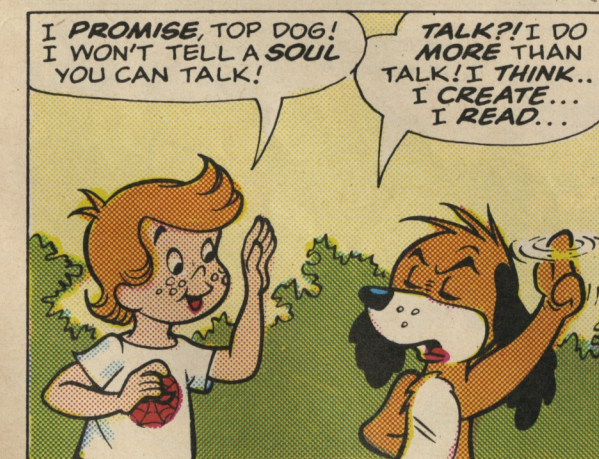
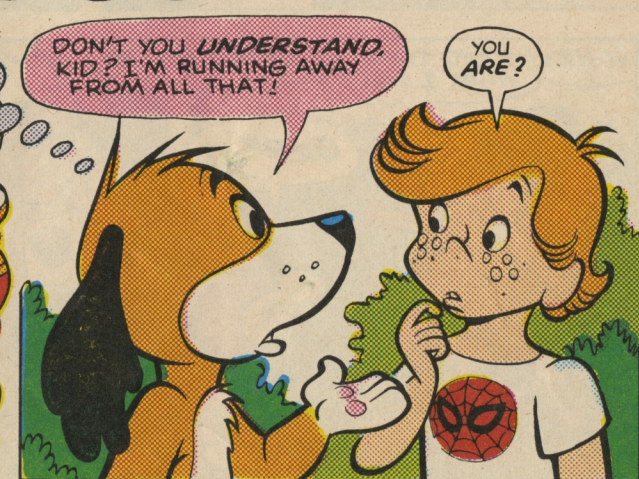
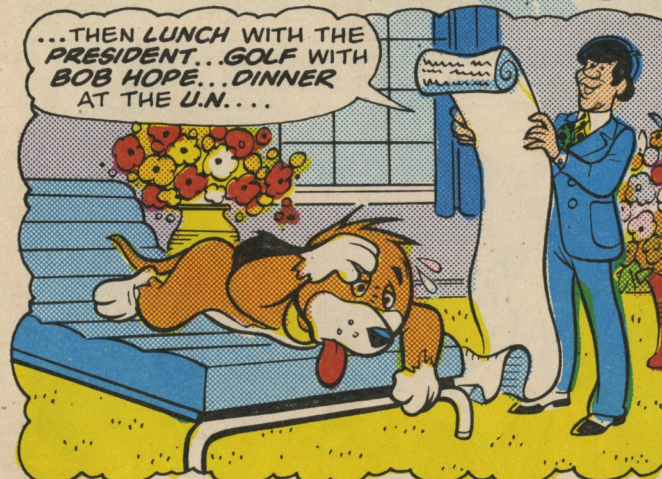
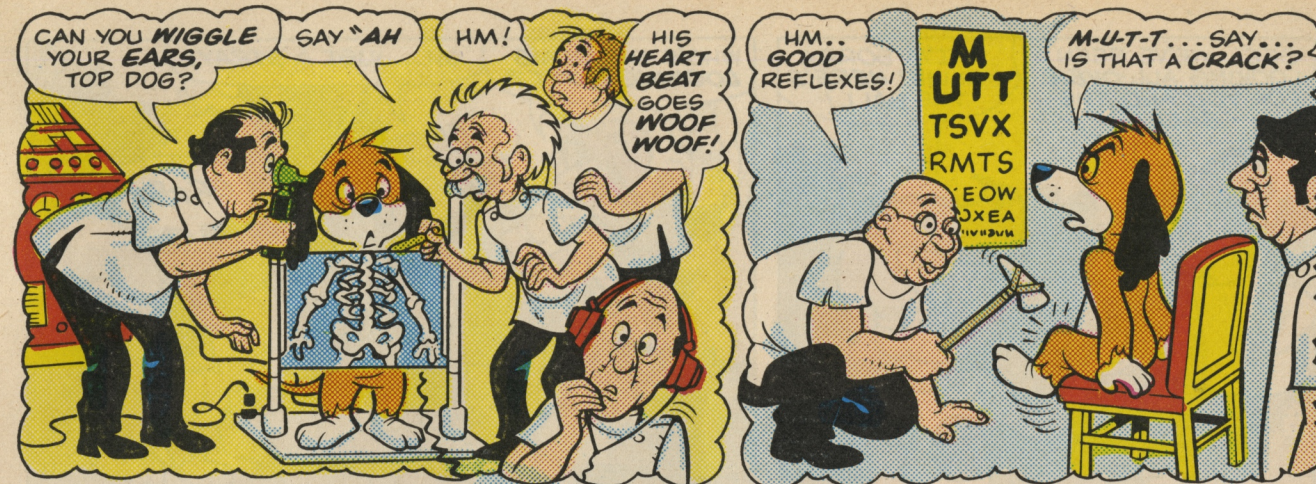
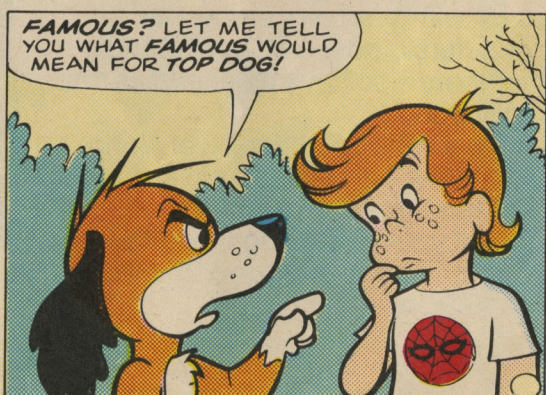
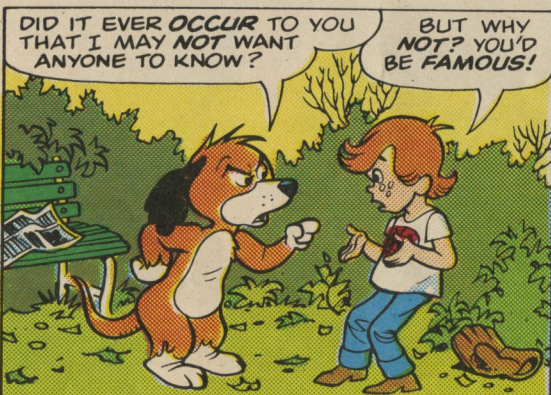
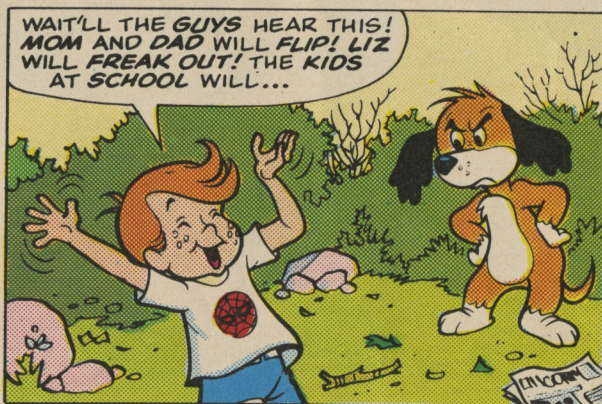
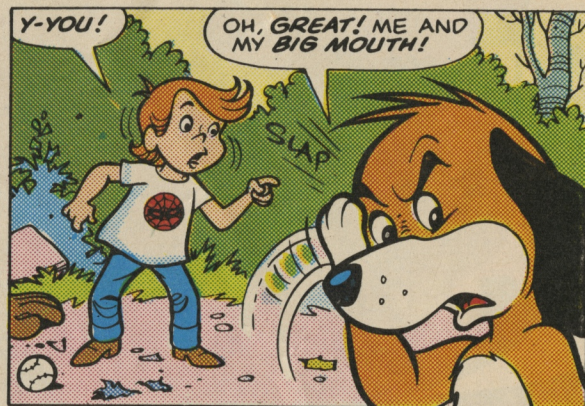
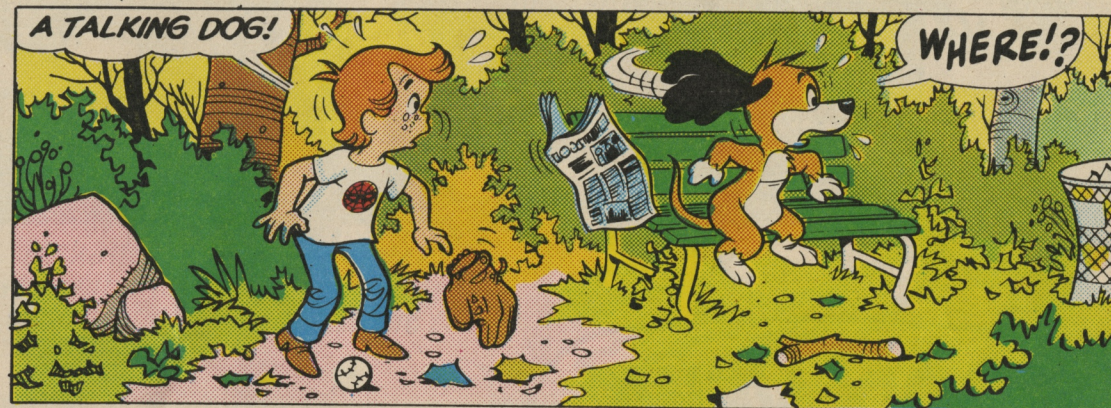
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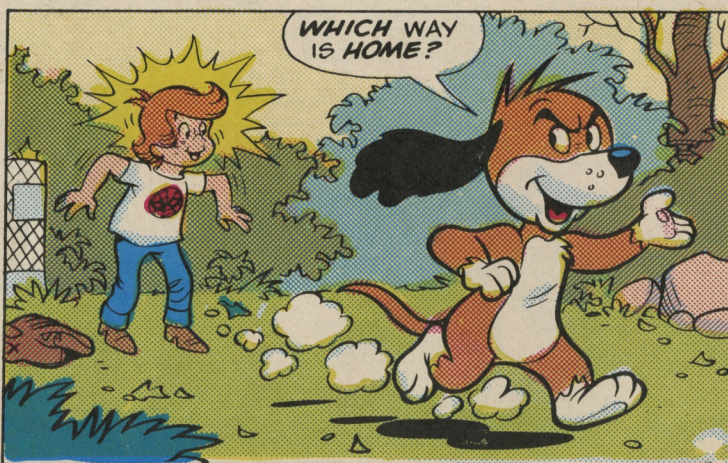
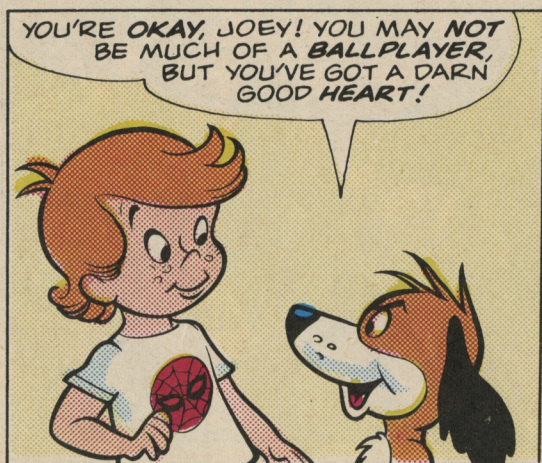
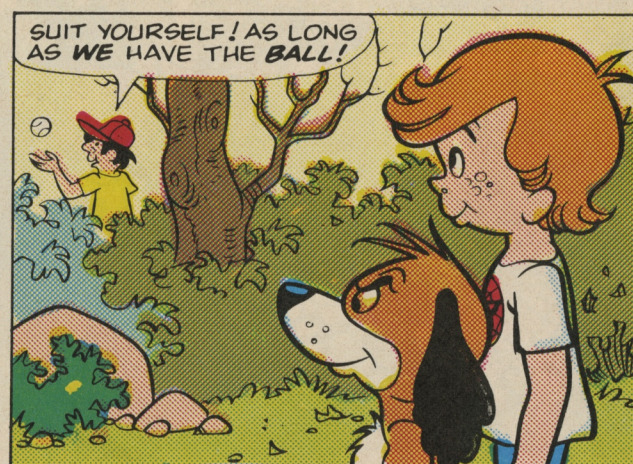
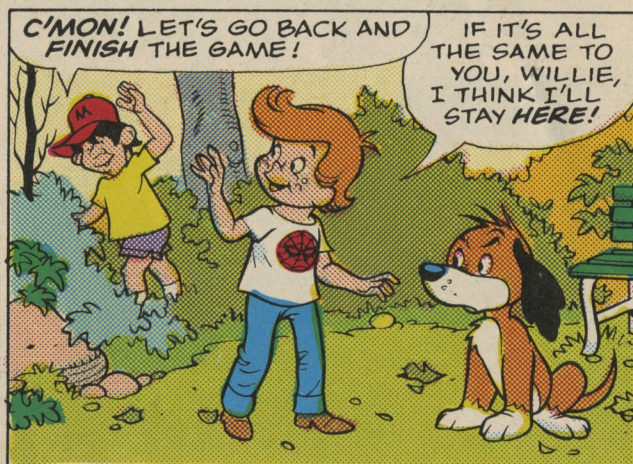
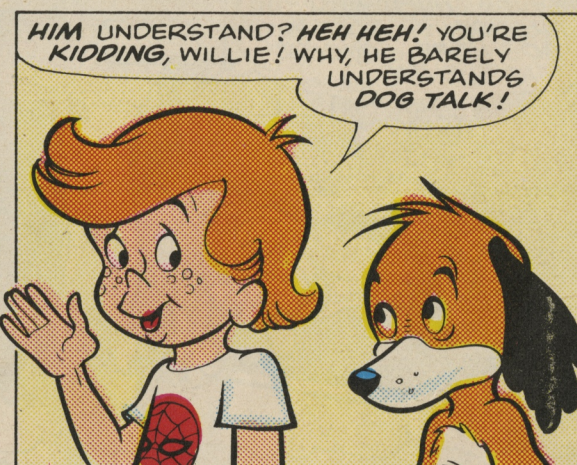
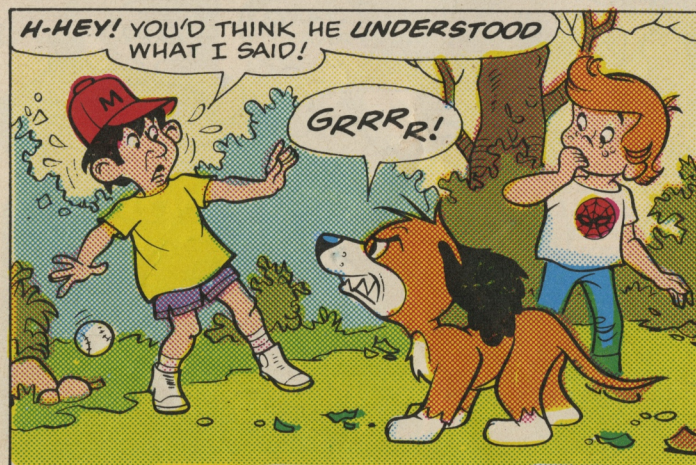
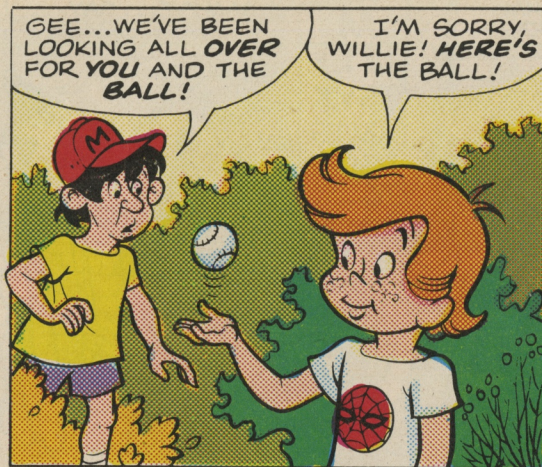


Joey's dad



Lizzie Jordan





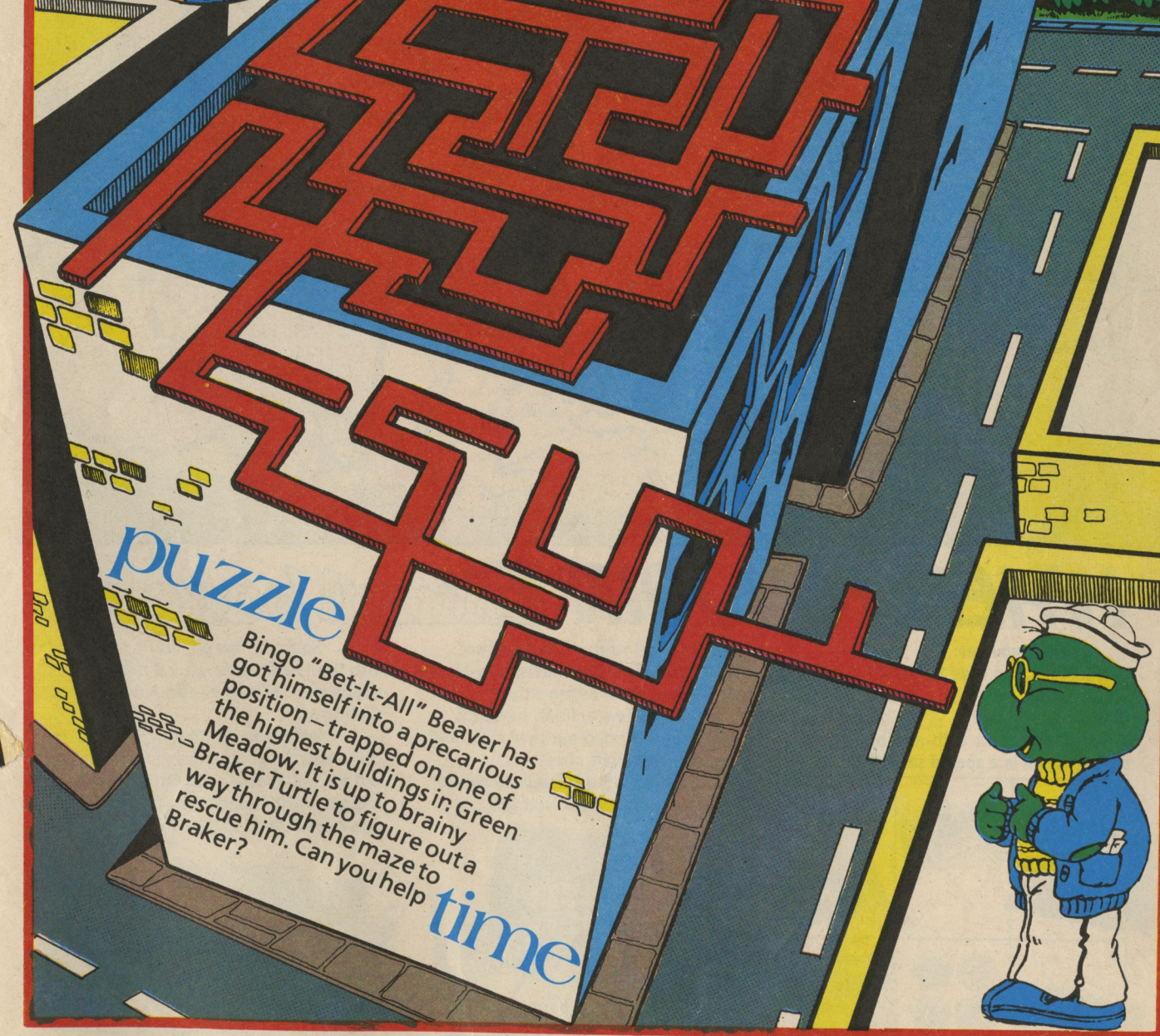
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